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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP - MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 18937, (B) TELECON, DECEMBER 19, HEIMANN-
CADE

1. WHITE HOUSE STAFF HAS STUDIED SCENARIO PRESENTED
REFTEL CLOSELY AND HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

-- PLEASE ROUND OUT ALL TIMES. DEPARTURE FOR CEREBRAL
PALSY INSTITUTE, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD BE AT 2:15 RATHER
THAN 2:14 WITH ARRIVAL AT 2:30.

-- ASSUME AMBASSADOR CHAMBERS WILL RIDE IN QUEEN'S CAR.
PLEASE CONFIRM.

-- NOTE THAT ONLY QUEEN'S CAR MOUNTS DRIVE WAY TO MAIN
ENTRANCE TO INSTITUTE. SINCE PROGRAM BEGINS IMMEDIATELY IT
IS ESSENTIAL THAT CAR WITH MRS. CARTER'S STAFF ALSO PULLS
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UP AT MAIN ENTRANCE.

-- JIM SMITH, MRS. CARTER'S ADVANCE PERSON, SHOULD ALSO
TRAVEL IN STAFF CAR TO EACH EVENT.

2. WHITE HOUSE NOTES THAT ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH
QUEEN NOW SCHEDULED TO END FIVE MINUTES EARLIER THAN

PREVIOUSLY AT 3:55 PM. PREFER TO STICK WITH ORIGINAL SCHEDULE FOR DISCUSSION ENDING AT 4:00 PM. MOTORCADE DEPARTURE FOR RUBENS CASTLE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE TO 4:05 WITH ARRIVAL AT 4:25.

3. RE HEIMANN-CADE TELECON -- THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF FEEL THAT CEREBRAL PALSY INSTITUTE FORMAT WHICH CALLS FOR A BRIEF DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY Q'S AND A'S WILL BE AWKWARD. INSTEAD THE PROGRAM SHOULD PUT EMPHASIS ON THE BRIEFING FOR MRS. CARTER BY THE BELGIAN OFFICIALS. UNSTRUCTURED QUESTIONS MAY COME UP AS THE BRIEFING PROGRESSES. PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL BELGIAN OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE AT BRIEFING AS DISCUSSED.

4. WHITE HOUSE STAFF FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK WITH A PRESS POOL OF 3 WITHIN THE CASTLE, AND THAT GIVEN OTHER PRESS OPPORTUNITIES, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO INCLUDE PRESS IN TOUR OF INTERIOR OF CASTLE AT ALL. PLEASE DELETE.

5. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, MRS. CARTER'S STAFF HAVE DECIDED THERE IS NO WAY THAT DRINKS WITH THE PRESS AT THE CASTLE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE EVENT TURNING INTO AN UNDESIRABLE Q AND A SESSION. IN LIEU OF THESE PRESS EVENTS, THEY SUGGEST A BRIEF TEA, POSSIBLY ATTENDED BY SOME BELGIAN FRIENDS OF AMBASSADOR CHAMBERS, AT THE CASTLE
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THE WHITE HOUSE IS OPEN TO OTHER SUGGESTIONS TO FILL THIS TIME BUT IS NOT MANDATORY THAT AN EVENT BE SUBSTITUTED AT ALL. IF AN APPROPRIATE EVENT CANNOT BE ARRANGED THEY SEE NO PROBLEM WITH AN EARLIER DEPARTURE FOR THE AIRPORT.

6. PLEASE PREPARE NEW SCENARIO REFLECTING ABOVE AND SUBMIT ASAP. VANCE

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